

WEATHER FORECAST
Forecast for Friday and Saturday:
Virginia—Partly cloudy Friday and
Saturday; light to fresh winds.
North Carolina—Local rains Friday and
Saturday; light variable winds, mostly
southerly.

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RICHMOND, VA., FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1902.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

HEALTH COMMITTEE SAVES CITY MONEY

Richmond Has a Cinch Con-
tract With Coal Concern.

J. H. WARDEN & CO. LOSE.

Strike in Anthracite Region Af-
fects Situation Here.

CITY PLAYS \$1,000 TO GOOD.

Mr. J. H. Warden Appears Before the
Health Committee and Urges That
His Firm Not be Held to Con-
tract for Crematory
Coal—The Request
Ignored.

It developed at the monthly meeting of
the Health Committee last night that
the city of Richmond will gain something
over \$1,000 as a result of a coal contract
which was entered into last July for the
supply of fuel for the crematory, while
J. H. Warden and Company, a well
known local firm of coal dealers, will lose
a similar amount as a result of the
great strike in the anthracite regions.

Mr. J. H. Warden, senior member of
the firm of coal dealers, appeared before
the committee and made a lengthy argu-
ment, requesting that the concern not be
held to the contract, but be allowed at
least the cost price of the fuel. It talks
was very interesting, inasmuch as it gave
to the public an idea as to the price they
will have to pay for fuel during the com-
ing winter unless a compromise is effected
in the anthracite regions between the
striking miners and the mine owners.

According to the speech of Mr. Warden,
coal has been increasing in price steadily
since the miners walked out during the
latter part of July. He says it will be
impossible to buy coal next winter for
less than \$5 or \$7 a ton, even if an agree-
ment is reached before the cold weather
sets in, as the demand will be greatly in
excess of the supply, none of the mines
having accumulated any since the be-
ginning of the trouble.

The first matter considered by the com-
mittee after being called to order by
Chairman Hobson was the current ac-
counts for the past month, and the bill
from J. H. Warden and Company was one
of the first to be taken up.

ASKED FOR RELIEF.
Instead of being for \$700.00, the ac-
count called for \$823.68, or \$123.68 more
than was expected, the crematory having
used 126 tons during the past month and
the contract price was to be only \$3.42
per ton. Accompanying the bill was a
brief communication from the coal con-
cern asking that the claim be allowed,
inasmuch as they had been compelled to
pay for the coal delivered by them to the
crematory \$4.65 per ton, or \$1.03 more
than they had agreed to sell to the city.

At this time Mr. Warden was not pre-
sent, and after a brief discussion, the com-
mittee decided to hold the firm to the
contract and refused to pass upon the
account at the figure named, ordering a
voucher for \$772.52 to be drawn in favor
of the company.

Later in the evening Mr. Warden ap-
peared and the rules were suspended in
order to hear from the gentleman in re-
gard to the contract.

The coal dealer stated that at the
time he signed the contract with the
Health Committee he had no idea that
there was to be a strike among the coal
miners, and the trouble commenced
within a few days after the city had
entered into the agreement with him. It
was customary with his firm to stipu-
late in all contracts—in fact all of their
letter heads contained such a
statement—that in event of a strike or
other causes beyond their control a
contract was null and void.

That such a clause was not contained
in the contract with the Health Com-
mittee was due entirely to an oversight,
he continued, and he thought it
only just and right that the committee
allow them at least the cost price of the
coal.

PAY COST PRICE.
"We have contracts with the Trigg
shipways," said Mr. Warden, "and
since they have been in the situation
they are paying us the cost price of the
fuel, realizing that otherwise we
would lose an almost unlimited amount
of money. Only recently we ordered
twenty cars of coal from the mines. It
was started at \$4.00 a ton, but before it
reached Richmond the railroads had
confiscated sixty-five of the cars, only
five of the original seventy reaching
this city. It is simply impossible to
get fuel. The price of coal is running
out, and even now should the fuel be
settled the price of coal will be away
up this winter."

"It will work a great hardship on us
if we are compelled to make good the
contract which we entered into, and I
sincerely trust that you gentlemen will
allow us at least the cost price of the
fuel we have already furnished and
will continue to furnish."
Several of the committeemen, notably
Mr. Hicks, Mr. Sax and Mr. Shon-
pard, interrupted Mr. Warden a num-
ber of times during his talk, asking
questions bearing on the case. All
stated they were in sympathy with the
firm, but under the law they had no
right to interfere in the matter, and
it was again decided to hold the firm to
its contract.

To a Times reporter Mr. Warden
stated after the committee meeting that
he would make no further fight, but
the firm would lose several hundred
dollars. Asked concerning the proba-
ble price of fuel for residence use next
winter, he said:
"Just at this time it is hard to say
just what the public will be required to
pay for fuel, but I am certain that
coal will not sell at any time for less
than \$6 a ton, and it is quite probable
it will go higher."

Odell Visits Roosevelt.

(By Associated Press.)
OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Aug. 14.—Governor
Odell, of New York, was the Presi-
dent's guest at luncheon to-day at Sag-
amore Hill. A political conference was
held, at which the situation in New York
was gone over. The interview between
the President and the Governor proceeded
on the basis that Governor Odell will be
a candidate to succeed himself in Nov-
ember.

SEABOARD BUYS CRANE'S-NEST CO.

Deal Made After Fight With Nor-
folk and Western.

BE A COAL-CARRYING LINE.

The Acquisition of This Property
Makes it Independent—Hocking
Valley Coal to be Sent to
Newport News.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEW YORK, August 14.—Seaboard Air
Line shares were again one of the fea-
tures in the trading in Wall Street to-day.
The trading was chiefly confined to the
who are interested in the Southern Se-
curities deal, and judging from the buy-
ing of these people, the plan of merging
the several Southern railroads will un-
doubtedly be consummated.

There were no new developments in the
merger plan to-day. Everything in that
direction will practically remain at a
standstill until Morgan returns. The de-
tails of the reported sale of the Cranes-
Nest Coal Company to the Seaboard Air
Line were given out this afternoon. It is
said that the Seaboard Air Line agrees
to give par for the stock of the Cranes-
Nest Coal Company in cash and twenty
per cent. in five per cent. guaranteed
bonds. Wall Street men say that the deal
was made only after fierce strife with the
Norfolk and Western, which tried to pre-
vent the sale, but now that it is reported
on the highest authority of the Seaboard
acquisition of the Cranes-Nest Coal Com-
pany makes the Seaboard Company
independent of the Norfolk and Western.

Make Newport News Great Port.
Hocking Valley stock has been bought
heavily of late, but mystery surrounded
the purchases. This was partially cleared
away to-day, when the announcement
was made that the Erie's proposed ac-
quisition of the Cranes-Nest Coal Com-
pany had been put aside and that the Pen-
sylvania and Ohio Central would
take over jointly the Hocking Valley.
Their plan is to develop the coal fields
along its lines, delivering products to
Chesapeake and Ohio for shipment to
Newport News. From there it will be sent
abroad. As the Hocking Valley runs
through one of the most productive coal
regions, and with the enormous capital
of its two backers, it is figured that New-
port News will become the chief coal port
of the country.

PLANS OF THE SEABOARD.
General Manager Barr Wants to Make
It a Coal Carrier.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
NORFOLK, VA., Aug. 14.—Plans are
maturing to make the Seaboard Air Line
a coal-carrying road. That accounts for
the great rise in the market value of the
stock. The experience of First Vice-Pres-
ident and General Manager Barr with the
Norfolk and Western as a coal-carrying
road has impressed him with the value of that
traffic and made him desirous of a road
which intends to go into that business.
Last winter the Seaboard Air Line made
strenuous efforts to obtain charters from
the Virginia Legislature for roads tap-
ping the East and West Railway shows that
it will be a factor in the coal-carrying
trade of Alabama and Virginia. The coal
will be delivered to ships at Savannah
and Tampa.

WEALTHY YOUNG CUBAN KILLS
HUSBAND AND WOUNDS WIFE

A Tragedy in the Best Society at Tampa, Fla.—The
Woman Shot Accidentally—Chavez Has Been
Arrested and is Refused Bail.

(By Associated Press.)
TAMPA, FLA., August 14.—At the home
of Charles B. Allen, on Seventh Avenue,
Tampa Heights, the best residential sec-
tion of this city, Allen and his wife were
fatally shot to-day by Manuel Chavez,
one of the wealthiest and most prominent
young members of the Cuban colony
here. Allen died this evening, and Mrs.
Allen's death is only a question of time.

Many conflicting accounts of the trage-
dy are current, but the one gen-
erally believed is that Allen reached
home unexpectedly and found Chavez
in his home, and that he assailed Chavez,
striking him a blow in the mouth.
Chavez, it is said, drew a pistol and
began to fire. One bullet struck Allen in
the left side, another in the mouth, and
the third in the abdomen, after passing
through the body of Mrs. Allen, who had
rushed between the men in an effort
to separate them. The shooting of Mrs.
Allen is believed to have been uninten-
tional.

Immediately after the shooting Chavez
rushed from the house bare-headed, and
drove off in his buggy that was stand-
ing at the back gate. He subsequently
surrendered to the sheriff.

An effort was made to get him re-
leased to-night. His father's firm, one
of the largest manufacturers of cigars
here, offered to put up a hundred thou-
sand dollar cash bond, but as the charge
is murder, Judge Robles refused it.
Prominent attorneys, including Con-
gressman Sparkman, have been employed
by the defense. The preliminary hearing
will be held to-morrow.

Requisition Papers Returned.
(By Associated Press.)
BOSTON, MASS., Aug. 14.—Governor
Crane to-day returned to the South Caro-
lina authorities the requisition papers in
the case of Julian Foster, a colored man,
arrested in Clinton, Mass., who is wanted
in Newmarket, Greenwood county, S. C.,

Mr. Bryan Will Not Be a Candidate Again

(By Associated Press.)
LINCOLN, NEB., August 14.—W.
J. Bryan has written a letter to the
editor of the New Orleans Times-
Democrat in answer to the question
whether he would be a candidate for
President in the next cam-
paign. Mr. Bryan says in part:
"I shall not be a candidate for the
presidency in the next cam-
paign, and I may add I have no
choice beyond the desire to see
some one nominated who is loyal,
not only to the ticket, but to the
platforms of 1896 and 1900, and who,
if elected, could be trusted to stand
by the people in the struggle against
organizers with."
"While no one can look very far
ahead or foresee the contingencies
that may arise, I have no plans
looking to a renomination at any
future time."
(Signed) "W. J. BRYAN."

HAVE FINE TEMPLE IN CITY OF RALEIGH

Will be Big Six-Story Building,
and it Will Cost \$90,000.

Catholic Church Burned.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
RALEIGH, N. C., August 14.—It is of-
ficially announced that the temple to be
erected by the Grand Lodge of Masons
will be located in Raleigh, on the north-
east corner of Fayetteville and Hargett
Street. The Raleigh Savings Bank takes
the \$50,000 first mortgage bonds and sells
the committee the site, (their present
banking house) at \$30,000.

Raleigh citizens take \$15,000 of the \$75,-
000 second mortgage bonds. The temple
will be six stories high and cost \$90,000.
No time will be lost in getting the build-
ing under way. There was sharp compe-
tition between Raleigh, Greensboro,
Charlotte and Durham.

The Roman Catholic Church, St. Ther-
esa at Method, eight miles from Raleigh,
was destroyed by an incendiary fire to-
day. There is no clue to the culprit. Strong
feeling has grown up among some of
the more ignorant against the Catholics
working in the neighborhood, and this
is believed to have brought about the fire.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONGRESSMAN LANDS GOOD ONE ON THE CHEEK

Latimer and Hemphill Have a Pugilistic Collision at Gaffney, Where
Tilman and McLaurin Tendered Their Resignations
to the Governor.

(By Associated Press.)
GAFFNEY, S. C., August 14.—Congress-
man Latimer and a well known South
Carolina Democrat came to blows at a
political meeting here today. There is
something that calls forth differences
every time candidates speak here. It
will be remembered that at this place
Senators Tilman and McLaurin tendered
their resignations to Governor Mc-
Sweeney.

At the senatorial and congressional
candidates' meeting, held here to-day,
Congressman Latimer was the last
speaker. When his turn came, the
dinner hour had arrived and a majority
of the audience of 500 left. Latimer
did not want to speak to the depleted
crowd, and asked permission of the chair-
man to be allowed to postpone his speech
until after dinner. The matter was

left to a vote, and it was unanimously
ordered that the speech be postponed as
requested. Latimer jumped up and
said:
"I want you all to come back here and
hear me, for these five lawyers have been
jumping on one poor farmer, and I am
going to answer them."

As they were leaving the bar of the
restaurant Mr. Hemphill said: "Latimer,
you ought not to say that, for none of
us have been jumping on you to-day
and you know it."

"Latimer replied: 'You want to make
me speak to the empty benches. By this
time they were facing each other and
both very angry.'"
Hemphill's rejoinder was: "You know
that is not true."

Latimer then drew back and hit Hem-
phill a severe, stinging blow on the cheek.
Several men jumped in between them
and the driving blow sent by Hemphill at
his antagonist fell short of its mark.
Hemphill then grabbed his umbrella and
tried to hit Latimer over the head of
the intervening men, but he could not
reach him. Several men grabbed hold
of both antagonists, who were making
desperate efforts to get at each other, and
in the scuffle Hemphill was pushed back
between two chairs in the jury box, but
was instantly helped to his feet again.

The whole affair was totally unexpec-
ted, for during the entire campaign there
has been no controversy between these
two gentlemen, either off or on the stand.
Both Hemphill and Latimer were notified
to appear before Mayor Little to-morrow.
Pending an investigation both were re-
quired to put up ten dollars each for
their appearance.

JOINT DEBATE AT
NEW KENT COURT

Messrs. Lamb and Wallace Ad-
dressed Voters There Yes-
terday—Good Audience.

Captain John Lamb and Mr. Jefferson
Wallace, rival candidates for the Demo-
cratic nomination for Congress from the
third district, met again in joint dis-
cussion yesterday, this time at New Kent
Court-house. The attendance was quite
good, and both candidates were applauded
liberally.

Mr. Wallace opened in a twenty-five-
minute speech, and was followed by Cap-
tain Lamb, who spoke thirty-five min-
utes. Mr. Wallace closed in a speech of
ten minutes.

Mr. Wallace began his first speech by
outlining what he conceived to be the
duties and privileges of a member of
Congress, and stated that he had long
entertained the ambition to make such a
representative as he pictured. He urged
the people to vote on the 11th, and wanted
each Democrat to cast his ballot accord-
ing to the dictates of his conscience and
judgment.

Captain Lamb is known by everybody in
New Kent and knows every one person-
ally. This county adjoins his native coun-
ty—Charles City. He was given a cor-
dial reception upon rising to reply to Mr.
Wallace. He laughed at the "burning
ambition" of his youthful friend, and de-
clared that Mr. Wallace would have plenty

MISS RIVES, NOVELIST, IN ROLE OF EDITOR

Famous Writer Directs One Is-
sue of Atlantic City Sentinel.

HAS IDEAS OF HER OWN.

Cuts Routine Deep and Plays Up
Feature Stories.

"A NATION'S THERMOMETER"

Her Leading Editorial on This Subject
a Striking One—Salt Breezes
Good for Moral Tone—Some
Very Notable Men Are
Among Her Con-
tributors.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., August 14.—
Halle Ermine Rives, the famous no-
velist and author of "Hearts Courageous,"
took absolute control of the Daily
Morning Sentinel, of this city, at noon
to-day, and to-morrow's edition will be
issued entirely under her editorship.
The paper will be edited wholly from
the first news story on the first to the
last advertisement on the last page by
Miss Rives. The entire building and staff
were placed in Miss Rives' hands, and
all from the editor, "Jack" Sprague, Jr.,
to the lowest printers' devil, were sub-
jected to Miss Rives' commands.

This is Miss Rives' first attempt at
newspaper writing or management, and
the result is being awaited with inter-
est. But for the fact that the entire
proceeds of the issue are to be donated
to the Atlantic City Hospital fund she
would probably never have embarked
in the undertaking. The Sentinel prom-
ises to be highly successful, as already
more copies of the paper have been or-
dered than the press can possibly
turn off.

Miss Rives in the editorial chair was
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One Hundred Dollars For Only Three Cents

(By Associated Press.)
PATERSON, N. J., August 14.—A
case was tried in the District Court
here to-day, in which the amount at
issue was three cents. The plaintiff
was J. Edwards Hunter, a photogra-
pher, and the defendant was the Erie
Railroad Company.
Hunter brought the train at Pom-
pton one day without a ticket. The
conductor demanded thirty-five cents
fare from Pompton to Little Falls.
Mr. Hunter counted the miles between
the points, and told the conductor
that he was entitled to a fraction over
thirty-two cents.

The conductor demanded thirty-five
cents under penalty to having Hunter
put off the train. Hunter paid, and,
yesterday the Erie Railroad was ad-
judged guilty of breaking an old State
law of overcharging, and a judgment
of \$100 was given against the railroad
company. One half of this goes to
Hunter and the other half to the
State.

TO ESTABLISH PROPRIETORSHIP

Policeman Wyatt Will Endeavo-
to Place Ownership of the
Gambling Resorts.

Acting Sergeant Wyatt is still direct-
ing his spare time to working up evi-
dence against the five men alleged to
have conducted gambling resorts, and
who were arrested several days ago.

He will not show his hand, but it is
intimated that he will have a sufficient
number of witnesses at the hearing to
convict.

The Chief of Police has stated that
he would give Mr. Wyatt all the time
off of regular duty that he desired to
work on the case. But the officer is
working in his own time ceaselessly and
vigorously. He has one more warrant
to serve. The man for whom it was
arrested is not in the city now, but
is on a tour through California and the
West. He expects to return about Sep-
tember.

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AUTOMOBILISTS KILLED INSTANTLY

HAVOC IS WROUGHT
BY SEVERE STORM

Wind, Rain and Hail Do Great
Damage.

CROPS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

The Cotton Suffers Especially—Small
Streams Become Raging Torrents
and Bridges Washed Away.
Work of Lightning.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CHARLOTTE, N. C., August 14.—From
all over Mecklenburg and adjoining coun-
ties comes news to-day of the havoc
wrought by the terrific storm of wind,
rain and hail that swept over this sec-
tion early this morning.

The damage to growing crops will be
hard to estimate, but it is great. Corn
was laid low, while cotton is stripped of
its bolls, blooms and leaves. Yesterday
the prospects for the best crops in many
years were excellent; to-day the farms
in this section are in most instances bar-
ren wastes.

The storm struck Charlotte at about 2
o'clock this morning, the wind blowing at
a fearful rate, the rain falling in tor-
rents and occasional heavy hail; small
streams became raging torrents, and
bridges were washed away.

In Cabarrus county, near Concord, five
negroes living on R. A. Brown's place
started to town. In crossing Buffalo
Creek the wagon and mules were swept
away and one was drowned.

Lightning struck the Western Union of-
fice and Central Methodist Church at Con-
cord and died both places. In unchar-
tered spots in this section roofs were blown
off and hundreds of birds are dead under
the trees. In the opinion of a number of
prominent farmers the crops will not re-
alize one-fourth of what they would have
been.

At Statesville, the Statesville Inn, one
of the largest hotels in the town and an
imposing structure, was struck by light-
ning and a portion of the building de-
stroyed. The damage was over two thou-
sand dollars.

SANTOS-DUMONT DEPARTS.

He Will Not Sail from Brighton Beach
to the Battery.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—Santos-Dumont,
the aeronaut, sailed for France on La
Touraine to-day. His intended departure
was known only to a few friends, and was
explained by the aeronaut himself as due
to the failure of certain parties to get
the expected \$25,000 prize for a successful
flight in this city. He said he would re-
turn to this country in time for the air-
ship contest at the St. Louis Exposition.
Santos-Dumont said he was not a rich
man and could not make an exhibition
of this kind without assurances that his
expenses would be paid. When in France,
he continued, he received word that the
Aero Club d'America had offered a prize
of \$25,000 for a flight from Brighton Beach
to the battery in this city.

Since I have been staying here," con-
cluded the aeronaut, "I heard various
rumors that the offer was not legitimate.
Whether this is true or not, I do not
know, but I am not inclined to take any
risks, and so have decided not to make
the sail."

George Francis Kerr, the secretary of
the Aero Club, expressed much surprise
when told of the aeronaut's departure.
He said all the preparations for the trip
had been practically made.

AN EYE WITNESS.

The accident occurred at half past two
this afternoon and almost in front of the
Chateau Boissou du Mal. The Fairs in-
tended to dine and spend the night in
Paris.

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SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS

FORECAST.

Friday and Saturday, partly cloudy;
light to fresh winds.

Highest temperature—4 P. M. 75
Lowest temperature yesterday 61
Mean temperature yesterday 68
Tendency of weather for to-day 72
Departure from normal temperature ... 10
Precipitation during past 24 hours 1

LOCAL.

Health Committee holds coal dealer to
his contract and gets fuel below cost
price.

Lamb and Wallace meet in joint debate
at New Kent Court-house.

Management launched for erection of new
city stables.

Plumbers will have to pass examination
to continue business in Richmond.

Widowed stranger robbed of \$40 by
negro woman; recovers \$10 and disap-
pears.

Tenok Council, Royal Arcanum, cele-
brates twenty-fifth anniversary. With
grand banquet at Temple.

Policeman Wyatt will endeavor to prove
ownership of gambling resorts.

Twin-City Baseball League organized.

VIRGINIA.

Seaboard Air Line buys Crane's Nest
Coal Company and will become a coal-
carrying road.

Newport News to become one of the
greatest ports in the world for the ship-
ment of coal.

A horse was maddened in Stafford county,
rushes at everything in sight and bites a
veterinarian.

A railroad man scalded almost to death
at Charlottesville by the bursting of a
pipe.

Jeannie Saunders caught under a
buggy at Louisa, and seriously injured.

Young man arrested in Caroline for al-
leged assault in King George, forfeits his
bond and is being held for trial.

East Radford adopts the curfew or-
dinance, and it will be vigorously enforced.

Trinity, Va., appears to be getting ground
for the murder of his son-in-law is begin-
ning.

Man killed at Covington by accidental
discharge of gun in hands of sister-in-
law.

Professor Armond Stone appointed one
of advisers in relation to original research
in mathematics.

Ernest Travers, of Alexandria, found
dead with empty laudanum bottle by his
side.

The three men indicted for the Leesburg
lynching not to be tried until next month.

GENERAL.

American automobilist and his wife
killed near Paris.

Man and wife mortally wounded by a
wealthy young Cuban at Tampa.

Disturbances over closing of the schools
continue in France.

Overproduction of potato in Germany;
North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons
will build a magnificent temple at
Raleigh.

Miss Halle Ermine Rives edits the At-
lantic City Sentinel for one day.
Erie Railroad has to pay \$100 damages
in a case involving three cars.